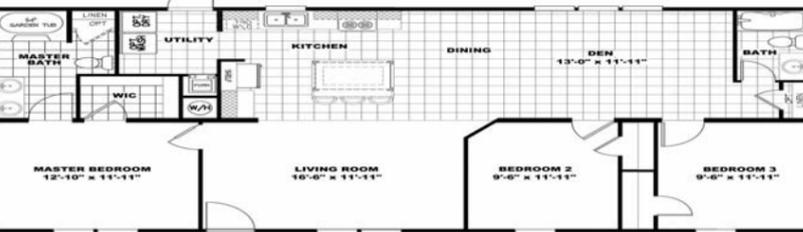


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Remembering.....

By Ed McBride



Farmer's Exchange Store

This time of year reminds me of the "early working days" of David C. Parker. He began business in a small brick building on Chesterfield Road.

Back then the Kiser brothers had a hot dog and hamburger sandwich shop right in the forks of Camden and Chesterfield Roads. On further back was Lewis Grocery Store that later became Carl's Food Center. Then, next on Chesterfield Road was Farmer's Exchange Store.

The picture above is a truck that I did on May 24, 1956, parked beside the Farmer's Exchange building. Note all the advertising there - Wayne Feeds, Seed, Baby

Chicks, Insecticides, Plants, Hotpoint Appliances and so on.

Many changes followed - such as closing out feed deliveries as they were, appliances, baby chicks - many other items.

David and Mary specialized in garden plants, seed, fertilizer and the like for the gardener. During some of the years they were involved in grower - starter pellets, etc. This was, of course, before we knew about Holly Farms, Tyson and others.

Many changes have since occurred. There are no more Kiser hot dogs, no Lewis Grocery, no Carl's Food Center - the entire "triangle area" now is IGA store and parking area.

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Wildlife Commission and Greater Uwharrie Conservation Partnership Host Nature Day in Troy

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, along with the Greater Uwharrie Conservation Partnership, is hosting "Nature Day @ Nichols" this Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. as part of the North Carolina Science Festival. (www.ncsciencefestival.org) The free event will be held at Nichols Longleaf Pine Preserve in Troy and offers activities for nature enthusiasts of all ages. Activities include three different hikes for families and kids. The family hikes are approximately 45 minutes long and rated easy-to-moderate difficulty. Hikers will learn about wildlife found on the preserve, as well as longleaf pine ecology, the turpentine industry and prescribed fires. The kids' hikes, designed for kids 12 and younger and their families, feature hands-on activities along the trail, led by N.C. Zoo staff. These hikes are approximately 45 minutes long and rated easy. The family and kids' hikes begin at 2 p.m. and then again at 3 p.m.

A third, more in-depth hike for families begins at 1 p.m., and lasts 1 1/2 hours. In addition to organizing the hikes, conservation agencies will set up information stations where participants can learn more about wildlife species found in the Uwharrie area, local archeology and the history of the Nichols Longleaf Pine Preserve.

For more information about the Nature@Nichols event contact Jessie Birkhead at jbirkhead@tnc.org or 919-794-4398 or Kelly Douglass at kelly.douglass@ncwildlife.org.

Raised Bed Gardening Class April 22

Anson County Parks and Recreation will be offering a class on Raised Bed Gardening on Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Little Park in Wadesboro. It will be presented by a Master Gardener

For more information, contact Wendell Small at 704-694-5868.

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